(c) whether Government proposes legislation whereby the disabled persons could get reservation in private sector; and

(d) the number of adult disabled persons in the country and how many are employed in State/Public/Private Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) and (b) In the Budget Speech for the year 2007-08 the Finance Minister had announced a Scheme for reimbursing the employers' share of Employees Provident Fund and Employees State Insurance for a period of three years for physically challenged employees in the organized sector, with a salary limit of Rs. 25,000 per month. Government would provide this incentive to support the creation of 100,000 jobs every year in the organized sector for physically challenged persons.

As an outcome of this Budget statement, a Scheme "Incentives to Employers in the Private Sector for Providing Employment to Persons with Disabilities" is being implemented *w.e.f.* 01.04.2008.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) According to Census 2001, the population of persons with disabilities in the age group of 20 years and above was 142 lakh. The number of workers with disabilities is 75.6 lakh. Disaggregated data of workers in the State/Public/Private Sector is not available.

Percentage of reservation

2971. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) why the percentage for reservation of SCs in Union services has not been increased inspite of increase in the Population as per Census 2001;

(b) the efforts made by his Ministry with D.O.P.T. on this subject;

(c) if not, who is responsible for this default; and

(d) the action proposed to give constitutional justice to SCs and STs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) to (d) The quantum of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs in case of direct recruitment to Group C and D posts, normally attracting candidates from a locality or region has been revised, in July, 2005 keeping in view, the figures of the 2001 census.

Disability certificates

2972. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state: